

**African American Healthy Marriage Initiative
Connecting Marriage Research to Practice
Conference**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Friday Center**

Tuesday, September 12, 2006



AGENDA
1:00PM – 7:30PM

10:00 am– 5:00pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	Atrium Center
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Diann Dawson, Director, Regional Operations, ACF Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary, ACF Mrs. Deloris Jordan, Jordan Institute for Families Dr. Archie Ervin, Associate Provost, UNC–Chapel Hill Carole Thompson, Senior Associate of The Annie E. Casey Foundation</p>	Grumman Auditorium
1:30pm – 3:00pm	PLENARY #1	Grumman Auditorium
	<p>Title: African American Marriages: Trends and Consequences</p> <p>Description: This plenary will set the stage for the conference by providing research based information on trends and consequences of African American marriages and the associated economic, social, psychological and physical health benefits of marriage for African American men, women and children.</p> <p>Moderator: Joyce A. Thomas, Regional Administrator, ACF Region V</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Linda Malone-Colon, Ph.D., Executive Director Healthy Marriage Resource Center Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Dr. Obie Clayton, Professor Morehouse College, Department of Sociology Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Dr. Robert Franklin, Presidential Distinguished Professor Of Social Ethics Emory University Atlanta, GA</p>	

3:00pm – 3:15pm	BREAK	Atrium Center
3:15pm – 4:45pm	PLENARY #2	Grumman Auditorium
	<p>Title: Theory, Practice, and Research: Preparing Black Teens and Young Adults for Healthy Marriages</p> <p>Description: This session will offer practical insights from the research about today's challenges of raising teenage sons and daughters by drawing on African American family values and cultural and spiritual strengths to foster positive identity and promote sexual responsibility.</p> <p>Moderator: Leon McCowan, Regional Administrator, ACF Region VI</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Anne E. Streaty-Wimberly, Ph.D. The Interdenominational Theological Center Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Edward Wimberly, Ph.D. The Interdenominational Theological Center Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Charles Lee Johnson, Chief Executive Officer National Family Life and Education Center Culver City, CA</p>	
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<p>Dinner and Evening with Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Keynote Speaker</p> <p>Special Appearances by: Mrs. Deloris Jordan, Jordan Institute for Families Married Couple: Sheryl Lee Ralph, Actress, and Vincent Hughes, Pennsylvania State Senator</p>	Atrium Center



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8:00am – 5:00pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	Atrium Center
8:30am – 10:00am	PLENARY #3	Grumman Auditorium
	<p>Title: Infidelity and Mistrust among Black Males and Black Females - Is Infidelity Destroying Black Marriages?</p> <p>Description: This session focuses on the incidence of infidelity and mistrust in Black marriages, identifying its psychosocial causes and exploring strategies for reducing the incidence of infidelity.</p> <p>Moderator: Carlis Williams, Regional Administrator, ACF Region IV</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Elijah Anderson, Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, Sociology Department Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Dr. Audrey B. Chapman, Couples and Family Therapist Author/Radio Talk Show Host WHUR Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley Providence Missionary Baptist Church Atlanta, GA</p>	
10:00am– 10:15am	BREAK	Atrium Center

10:15am – 11:45am	WORKSHOPS	TBA
Workshop 1	<p>Title: Partner Abuse: What's Love Got to Do with It?</p> <p>Description: This session will focus on effective evidence based service delivery strategies to reduce violent behavior among African American couples using ethnically sensitive practices.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Nancy Dickinson, Executive Director Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Marjorie Lewis, Ph.D., D.Min., LMFT, Professor American Pathways University Denver, CO</p> <p>Tanya Lovelace, Project Manager Women of Color Network Harrisburg, PA</p>	
Workshop 2	<p>Title: The Changing Status of the Black Male in America</p> <p>Description: This session will focus on the daunting research regarding the challenges facing the African American Male and its impact on fatherhood, relationships and healthy marriages.</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Dennis Orthner, Moderator and Presenter Professor of Social Work and Public Policy Analysis Associate Director of the Jordan Institute for Families University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>Dr. Hillard Pouncy, Visiting Lecturer Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School Princeton, NJ</p> <p>Cozell T. Harris, Consultant The Annie E. Casey Foundation Kennesaw, GA</p>	

10:15am – 11:45am	WORKSHOPS (Continued)	TBA
Workshop 3	<p>Title: Healthy People, Healthy Marriage</p> <p>Description: This session will highlight trends and key health indicators for African Americans and the impact of these trends on relationships, fatherhood and healthy marriages.</p> <p>Moderator: Dorothy Mabry, Special Initiatives Manager ACF Region IV, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Panelists: Daniel Bennett, Epidemiologist Division of Violence Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Dr. Waldo Johnson, Ph.D., Associate Professor School of Social Service Administration University of Chicago Chicago, IL</p> <p>Ms. Hattie Anthony, Chairperson REACH 2010 Coalition Project Charlotte, NC</p>	
Workshop 4	<p>Title: Incarceration, Healthy Marriage and a Role for the Faith Based Community</p> <p>Description: This session examines the research and the challenges faced by the prison population in forming and sustaining healthy relationships/healthy marriages while “serving time.”</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Creasie Finney-Hairston, Moderator and Presenter Dean and Professor, Jane Adams College of Social Work University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rev. Dr .Roger Green Sr. Prayer and Deliverance Ministries, Inc. Charlotte, NC</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Rozario Slack, Fathering and Urban Initiatives Director First Thing First Chattanooga, TN</p> <p>Pastor Terrell Johnson, President/CEO Wake-Up Youth Foundation Memphis, TN</p>	

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Workshop 5	<p>Title: <i>Exploring Relationships and Marriage with African American Fragile Families - A Marriage Education Curriculum Designed for African Americans</i></p> <p>Description: This session provides an overview of an evidence based marriage curriculum discussing targeted strategies to address common obstacles to healthy marriage within the context of the African American experience.</p> <p>Moderator and Presenter: Joe T. Jones Jr., President Center for Fathers, Families and Workforce Development Baltimore, MD</p> <p>Panelists: Andrew Lyke, Coordinator Marriage Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago Family Ministries Chicago, IL</p> <p>Terri Lyke, Consultant LYKE to LYKE Arusi Network Chicago, IL</p>	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<p>PLENARY #4</p> <p>Title: Religion and Relationship Quality among African Americans</p> <p>Description: This plenary will discuss the Black Church's approach to marriage and relationships, and the consequences of church attendance for relationship quality among married and non married African American couples and children</p> <p>Moderator: Rev. Zina Jacque, Th.D, Consultant</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Bradford Wilcox, Assistant Professor University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA</p> <p>Kenneth Johnson, Senior Fellow-Social Policy and Civil Society Seymour Institute Sunnyvale, CA</p>	Grumman Auditorium

2:45pm - 4:15pm	WORKSHOPS	TBA
Workshop 6	<p>Title: Relationship Violence: The Youth Speak Out</p> <p>Description: This session focuses on what the research says about the Hip Hop generation, dating and violence in teen relationships, and promising practices in relationship education to help black teens manage early attractions and remain abstinent until marriage.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marjorie Lewis, Ph.D., D.Min., LMFT, Professor American Pathways University Denver, CO</p> <p>Panelists: Tanya Lovelace, Project Manager Women of Color Network Harrisburg, PA</p> <p>Cliff Baskerville, Regional State Director Choosing the Best Atlanta, GA</p>	
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Workshop 10	<p>Title: <i>Making Your Good Thing Better</i> - A Marriage Education Curriculum Designed for African Americans</p> <p>Description: This session provides an overview of an evidence based marriage curriculum discussing targeted strategies to address common obstacles to healthy marriage within the context of the African American experience.</p> <p>Moderator and Presenter: Dr. Lorraine C. Blackman, Ph.D., LCSW, CFLE Professor, Indiana University, School of Social Work Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>Debbie Segler, Director Barbara Bush Parent Center College Station, TX</p> <p>Dr. Ruth Lambert, Ph.D. Indiana Healthy Marriage Family Coalition Indianapolis, IN</p>	
4:30pm - 5:30pm	NETWORKING	



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 7:30AM – 12:30PM

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Atrium Center
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	PLENARY #5	Grumman Auditorium
	<p>Title: Early Childhood Cognitive Development and Family Formation</p> <p>Description: This plenary will link the research on fatherhood and healthy marriages contributing to a child's cognitive development and explore the implications for delivering services to children, fathers and couples.</p> <p>Moderator: Joyce A. Thomas, Regional Administrator, ACF Region V</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Cassandra Codes-Johnson, Project Director Building Strong Families Baltimore, MD Site</p> <p>Akilah Thomas, Project Director Building Strong Families Atlanta, GA Site</p>	
10:30- a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK	Atrium Center

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	PLENARY #6	Grumman Auditorium
	<p>Title: Fragile Families: Challenges and Support</p> <p>Description: This session will review the research and findings about urban, inner city, low income couples and their aspirations for marriage. The session will explore the reasons most do not marry and steps that can be taken to help at least some of them achieve their goal of a good marriage.</p> <p>Moderator: Bill Coffin, Special Assistant for Marriage Education, ACF, Washington, DC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Ronald Mincy, Professor Columbia University New York, NY</p> <p>Marvin and Jeannette Charles, Co-Founders Divine Alternatives for Dads Services Seattle, WA</p>	
12:15 p.m. -12:30 p.m.	<p>CLOSING COMMENTS DIANN DAWSON, DIRECTOR REGIONAL OPERATIONS, ACF</p>	Grumman Auditorium